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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sears et al.

Serial No: To be assigned

Filed: July 8, 2003 (herewith)

For: **ALKYLENE OXIDE MODIFIED HARDWOOD CELLULOSE**

**Prior U.S. Application:**

In re Application of: Sears et al.

Examiner: Henry, Michael C.

Serial No.: 09/943,650

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Group Art Unit: 1623

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**CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior Application Serial No. 09/943,650, filed on August 31, 2001, entitled **ALKYLENE OXIDE MODIFIED HARDWOOD CELLULOSE**

Enclosed are true and accurate copies of the specification and claims of prior application Serial No. 09/943,650 and a copy of the executed Declaration in the prior application. No new matter has been added.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, less any claims canceled at paragraph 2 below and increased by any claims added in any Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith, as follows:

			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	0	x 9.00	\$ <u>          </u>	or \$18.00	\$ 0
INDEP CLAIMS	3	0	x 42.00	\$ <u>          </u>	or \$84.00	\$ 0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			x 140.00	\$ <u>          </u>	or \$280.00	\$ 0
BASIC FEE			\$375.00	\$ <u>          </u>	or \$750.00	\$750
			TOTAL	\$ <u>          </u>	or TOTAL	\$750

1.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
2.  Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application, before calculating the filing fee.
3.  Amend the Specification by inserting the words --"This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/943,650, filed August 31, 2001." -- at page 1, line 1.
4.  A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in the prior application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_. Status as a small entity is still proper and is desired and claimed herein.
5.  Priority of application Serial No. 09/943,650, filed August 31, 2001 in the United States is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
6.  The prior application Serial No. 09/943,650 is assigned of record to Rayonier Inc.
7.  a. The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application. A copy of the Power is attached.  
 b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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- c. Address all future communications to the Attorney of Record at the below address, which is **different** than the Attorney of Record's address in Declaration/Power of Attorney filed in the prior application:

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8.  This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(4).

- a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

- b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

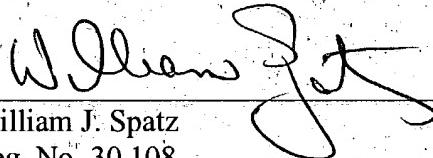
9.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 are enclosed.

10.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required filing fee by reason of this submission to Account No. 50-0540. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

11.  A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Dated: July 8, 2003

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